(ix) Facilities by way of eco-testing laboratories have been created to enable exporters to get the garments/textiles pre-tested for conforming to the requirements of importing countries.

Implications of multi-fiber pact on textile sector

1688. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that multi-fibre pact will help textile sector to become $ 100 billion industry by 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of job opportunities likely to be created in this sector by 2010 and annual export earning expected during 2010-11?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) to (c) According to studies conducted by the Industry, Multi Fibre Agreement (MFA) phase out could bring an increase in India's annual exports. As per Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), India can achieve a potential size of 100 billion US dollar by 2010 including 50 billion dollars domestic market and 50 billion dollars export. This would also create 10 million job opportunities, 5 million direct jobs in textile industry and 5 million jobs in allied sectors. According to another study conducted by CRISIL (commissioned by Indian Cotton Mills' Federation), the Indian textiles and apparel industry can achieve a potential size of US$ 85 billion by 2010. Of which, the domestic market potential would be US$ 45 billion and export potential would be US$ 40 billion. Nearly 60% of exports would comprise garments. This would create 12 million job opportunities, 5 million direct jobs in textile industry, and 7 million jobs in allied sectors.

Assistance to Surat Textile Industry

1689. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assured financial aid and assistance to Surat (Gujarat) Textile Industry Unit due to damage caused in last Monsoon floods;

(b) to what extent financial assurance was declared by the Textile Minister and how much was released and given to these Textile Units; and

(c) why the full amount which was announced by the Ministry was not given to them and by when the remaining amount is to be given?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) to (c) The proposal received from Gujarat Government related to Electricity Duty Exemption to the affected Powerloom/Textile Units which was not found feasible.

Objectives of silk project set up with Japanese aid in Chhattisgarh

†1690. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the objectives and aims of the silk project conducted with help of Japan in Chhattisgarh;

(b) the amount of this project and amount of help received at present;

(c) the names of the NGO's and amount paid to them in this project and the works for which payment has been made; and

(d) the details of the amount spent on basic work and non-productive works (establishment expenditure etc.) for production in this project?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA: (a) The aims and objectives of the Chhattisgarh Sericulture Project being implemented with the help of Japanese Bank of International Cooperation (JBIC) are given below:

* to alleviate the poverty of rural population through generating self-employment opportunities in the area of seri-culture.

* to meet the increasing demand of silk through increasing cocoon production and silk production from project areas.

(b) The sanctioned cost of JBIC assisted Chhattisgarh Seri-culture project is Rs. 117.16 crores, out of which JBIC loan assistance is Rs.64.87 crores and State share is Rs.52.29 crores. So far an amount of Rs. 26.57 crores has been received from JBIC.

(c) The names of NGOs amount paid to them and details of works done by them are given in the Statement-I (*See* below)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.